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In re application of:

Toyohiro Sawada et al.

Application No.: 09/834,414

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For: DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR
AVERTING PHARMACOKINETIC
DRUG INTERACTION AND METHOD
THEREOF

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and
§1.98**

Sir:

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The reference "AV" JP 60-193917 is in the Japanese language. It is a "Y" reference on the PCT Search Report.

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